

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is not contemplating any general reorganisation of States and as such, creation of a separate Kutch State is not under consideration of the Government.

Attack on places of worship

1935. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incidents relating to attacks on places of worship in different parts of the country during the last six months of the current year together with the number of persons arrested in connection therewith; and

(b) whether Government would consider convening of a meeting of the CMs of the States to discuss the matter for taking remedial measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Five major incidents of bomb explosions have occurred in Church premises recently, two each in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and one in Goa. One incident of bomb blast occurred at a mosque in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. The role of an organization called the Deendar Anjuman having links in Pakistan has been established in the series of bomb blasts in Churches and 35 activists have been arrested in this connection so far.

(b) A meeting of the Chief Ministers of States was convened on 5th August, 2000 in which this issue was also discussed.